

COVID-19 Update: Thursday, 4.2.20

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Children and Family Programs Remote Resources

Our Children and Family Programs remote resources page is now live:
<https://www.winooski.vt.gov/1417/Remote-Resources>

Downtown Winooski Update

- The Vermont Department of Labor held its first in a series of virtual town hall events today. Presenters included the VDOL's interim commissioner, general counsel, and unemployment insurance director. The session was recorded. For more information and a link to the virtual town hall visit here: <https://labor.vermont.gov/news/virtual-town-hall-series-begin-thursday>
- Paycheck Protection - Opens April 3, Get Ready Now! CARES Act establishes the Paycheck Protection Program: SBA and Treasury Department have initiated a robust mobilization effort of banks and other lending institutions to provide small businesses with the capital they need.

The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. The new loan program will be available retroactive from Feb. 15, 2020, so employers can rehire their recently laid-off employees through June 30, 2020. SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>



Here is the sample application form for the Paycheck Protection Program. Businesses can use it to prepare the information that they need to apply for the program:

https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/Borrower%20Paycheck%20Protection%20Program%20Application_0.pdf

- Additional resources we've added to the [business portal](#):
 - James Beard Foundation Relief Grants for Restaurants- Deadline April 3!
<https://www.jamesbeard.org/relief-fund-application>
 - One Fair Wage - Assistance for Tipped and Service Workers: <https://ofwemergencyfund.org/>
- Main Street America Survey - If you have a few minutes to spare, please fill out this survey from advocacy and education group Main Street America: <https://www.mainstreet.org/blogs/national-main-street-center/2020/03/27/small-businesses-and-the-coronavirus-survey>

Governor Scott Calls on Vermonters to Support COVID-19 Response

Governor Phil Scott is calling all Vermonters into service with the launch of a new website allowing people to sign up for volunteer assistance to support the state's response to COVID-19: <https://vermont.gov/volunteer>.

Those with medical experience or other health care background and the ability to volunteer are needed to bolster the ranks of Vermont's current health care workforce. The Vermont Medical Reserve Corps is seeking these qualified and experienced volunteers:

- Licensed and certified health care professionals;
- People with mental health, or other types of clinical or professional experience;
- Health care administrative experience, such as with medical data entry or language translators; and
- People who have worked with displaced individuals, such as homeless shelter programs.

Vermont has eased licensing requirements for the purposes of aiding this emergency response. Individuals who are licensed in other states or who were previously licensed should visit the Health Department website and [review the guide on emergency licensure](#).

Other individuals who do not have medical or healthcare backgrounds but are willing to volunteer their time in Vermont's response effort can register through the [state's volunteer web portal](#) and indicate their expertise and availability.

The State expects to draw upon many skills to meet the challenge of serving those affected by COVID-19, potentially including drivers, food service, construction, IT, security, skilled trades and more.

In addition to volunteering their time, Vermonters can also contribute to blood banks, food banks, and other emergency supply efforts. The American Red Cross of Northern New England faces a severe blood shortage



and many local food banks and other community organizations are in need of support and donations of supplies. In addition to volunteering, Vermonters can also give back in the following ways:

- Donate PPE: Donations of N95 masks, medical and industrial grade or surgical masks can be brought to your nearest State Police Barracks. You can find the location nearest to you here: <https://vsp.vermont.gov/stations>.
- Give blood: Visit the American Red Cross to learn how to safely donate blood: <https://www.redcross.org/local/new-hampshire-vermont.html>.
- Support your local Food Bank. Donate online at vtfoodbank.org or you can text GIVEHEALTH to 85511. If you're in need of help, please visit vtfoodbank.org/gethelp.

Governor Scott is calling on all Vermonters to support these critical needs. "Our state is at its best when Vermonters pull together to help each other. The coming weeks will be very difficult, but united in common purpose, we will face, fight and defeat this virus – and emerge stronger together," he said.

Vermont Department of Taxes Issues 2020 Tax Season Guidance in Response to COVID-19 Emergency

The Vermont Department of Taxes continues to carefully monitor the evolving situation related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Department is working closely with the office of Governor Phil Scott and the Vermont legislature, following changes at the federal level, and adhering to guidance from the Vermont Department Health. Please see the Department's information on relief for Vermont taxpayers at tax.vermont.gov/coronavirus. You should check this link periodically as the guidance may change. You may also follow the Vermont Department of Taxes on Facebook and Twitter.

